

REMARKS

Summary

In the subject Final Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, 11, 13-15 and 21-24 were rejected under 102(b) as being anticipated by Horvitz (USP 5,880,733); and claims 2 and 12, 7 and 17, 8-10 and 18-20 were rejected under 103(a) in view of Horvitz in combination with Boneh and/or Taylor.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-5, 11, 13-15, 21 and 22-24, and added new claims 25-30. All amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-30 are remain pending.

Rejections against claims 1, 3-5, 11, 13-16 and 21-24 under 35 USC 102(b)

As noted earlier, claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended. In particular, each of claims 1, 11 and 21 has been amended to clearly require the first and second surfaces to be the opposite surfaces of a metaphoric desktop, with the second surface being invisible while the first surface is visible, and vice versa, resulting in second execution results rendered on the back surface not visible while the front surface is the currently visible surface, and becoming visible when the back surface is morphed to replace the front surface as the currently visible surface. At such time, the first execution results become invisible.

Such recitations are not anticipated by Horvitz. As the Examiner has acknowledged, Horvitz merely disclosed window 44 as first rendered in the “back” surface of the metaphoric desktop, and zoom to the “front” surface of the metaphoric desktop, in response to a user command.

Horvitz’ “front” and “back” surfaces are not opposite each other, and are both visible at all times, resulting in the execution results rendered thereon also visible at all times.

Therefore, they are not the required front and back surfaces of independent claims 1, 11 and 21.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, claims 1, 11 and 21 are patentable over Horvitz.

Claims 3-5, 13-15 and 22-24 depend from claims 1, 11 and 21, incorporating their limitations. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, claims 3-5, 13-15 and 22-24 are patentable over Horvitz.

Rejection of claims 2 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2 and 12 depend on claims 1 and 11, incorporating their limitations, respectively. Since claims 1 and 11 are patentable over Horvitz, therefore, by definition, claims 2 and 12 are patentable over Horvitz. Boneh does not remedy the above discussed deficiencies of Horvitz. Thus, claims 2 and 12 are patentable over Horvitz even when combined with Boneh.

Rejection of claims 7 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7 and 17 depend on claims 1 and 11, incorporating their limitations, respectively. Since claims 1 and 11 are patentable over Horvitz, therefore, by definition, claims 7 and 17 are patentable over Horvitz. Taylor does not remedy the above discussed deficiencies of Horvitz. Thus, claims 7 and 17 are patentable over *Horvitz* even when combined with Taylor.

Rejection of claims 8-10 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 8-10 and 18-20 depend on claims 1 and 11 respectively, incorporating their limitations. Since claims 1 and 11 are patentable over Horvitz, therefore, by definition, claims 8-10 and 18-20 are patentable over Horvitz. As discussed earlier, neither Taylor nor Boneh remedy the above discussed deficiencies of Horvitz, therefore, for at least the same

reasons, claims 8-10 and 18-20 are patentable over Horvitz even when combined with Taylor and Boneh.

New claims 25-30

Each of new claims 25 and 28 contains in substance the same recitations as claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 25 and 28 are patentable over the cited references.

Claims 26-27 and 29-30 depend from claims 25 and 28 incorporating their limitations. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 26-27 and 29-30 are patentable over the cited references.

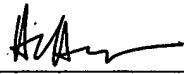
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-30 are in condition for allowance, and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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